

## Congratulations!

Each year we choose one Reporter of the Year from each region and feature their autobiography in the K liner. This lets the K liner readers become better acquainted with some of the people who contribute ideas to the paper.

We congratulate these people for their fine efforts and look forward to seeing more of their ideas.

We have also listed the two Merit Award winners from each region.

### Central Region

**Shannon Hopper**  
Office, K mart 7506,  
Newburgh, Indiana

Being chosen as Reporter of the Year for the Central Region is an especially great honor for me as I hope to be a journalist someday. I am 18 years old and a full-time freshman majoring in communications with emphasis in journalism at Indiana State University of Evansville.



When not studying, I work part-time at K mart 7506. I have worked here since November of 1981 when the store opened, and I have found it to be an enjoyable job. I began as a cashier, but moved to the office this past June.

It was during high school that I first came in contact with journalism. I have loved writing since I was in the first grade when I wrote a story about a bed in the hospital with a broken leg. From that point, I wanted to be a writer. Luckily, my writing improved from stories about beds as I continued through school.

When I reached high school, I worked for the newspaper and yearbook during my sophomore year. Then I served as yearbook editor my junior and senior years. I was also in the Spanish Honor Society, Quill and Scroll (a journalism honor society) and National Honor Society.

### Eastern Region

**Donna Capecci**  
Cash office, K mart 3561  
Bensalem, Pennsylvania

I was raised in Port Richmond, one of the toughest neighborhoods in Philadelphia. I'm glad I grew up in the city because everything is so convenient like corner stores, transportation, recreation and you tend to be more street wise, as opposed to those living in the suburbs.



I went to Catholic grade school, then moved to Bensalem, and attended Bensalem High School. I graduated in 1977 and had intentions of going to college to study early childhood education or high school counseling.

I work full time and attend college part time, majoring in business and computer science. I hope to apply my knowledge and

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skills to my job and advance my position, want to pursue a future career with K mart.

The people who have had a significant influence on my life are my mother and father and office manager Helen Dessin.

### Midwestern Region

**Linda Robinson**  
Merchandise employee, K mart  
4107, Peoria, Illinois

Being a reporter has a challenging effect. The most important task to me is getting and phrasing the words without changing the contents of the story. This is especially important not only to the reporter but to the subject you are relating to.



Believe it or not, my greatest inspirator is my daughter Miko. She writes short stories and poems all the time. My son Hassan likes to read our writing, but not write. He said his fingers cramp when giving the pen too much attention.

Both of my children attend Von Steuben school and are average students. Miko, 11, and Hassan, eight, are the same ages as my foster children, Dawich and Gahal of Indonesia. Dawich and Miko want to become doctors. The boys, Gahal and Hassan, haven't made up their minds. My daughter from Indonesia wants to practice in the United States and cannot wait until she gets older. My son Gahal just likes for me to write about things here in the states and to send him lots of pictures.

I attended Hyde Park High School, the University of Illinois and P.B.K. school for switchboard training. I am hoping to attend Illinois Central College some time this year to try to finish my course in math and bookkeeping. I would like to broaden my view in the direction of Business Administration or Marketing.

### Southern Region

**Mary Coleman**  
Personnel Manager, K mart  
3156, Columbus, Mississippi

I have been married for 36 years and have three wonderful sons. Wayne, the oldest, is a college instructor. Jim, the middle son is a

CPA and Mike, my youngest, is a Naval Recruiter. Between them, I have three grandchildren and our grandchildren are the light of my life.

Before starting to work at K mart nine years ago, I worked with my husband, Chunky, in a family business.

I am active in the Baptist Church where most of my volunteer work has been done. For 18 years I was Director of the Nursery Department of the church. I helped to conduct worship services at the Nursing Home in our community and have worked with other members of my church and other Baptist churches to establish a Baptist Mission Center that helps to clothe needy families.

Since K mart 3156 employees have adopted our local Reach Out Shelter, which gives temporary shelter to neglected and abused children, I have helped to organize bake sales and auctions to raise money for support.



### Western Region

**Barbara Pooley**  
Personnel manager, K mart  
3298, Boise, Idaho

Although I am originally from Boston, Massachusetts, I love Boise and claim it as my home.

I have a wonderful husband, Bob, and four terrific children: Shamlin, 23; Camie, 22; Robert Jr., 18; and Sharon, 13.

In my spare time, Bob and I enjoy growing soil-free plants. Currently, we are experimenting with orchids.

After spending 26 years as a homemaker, I made a big change and went to work. I started at check-outs, moved to the service desk and then to the office. Eventually, I worked my way into personnel and am still holding down that position.

I have no trouble getting my stories for the K liner. All of the staff assist me when something happens in their lives and gladly pass the information on to me.



### Merit Award Winners

The following K liner reporters received Merit Awards for their excellence in providing K liner material.

#### Central Region

Robin Scott, K mart 9705, Madison, Ohio.

Lisa Fox, K mart 9610, Harlan, Kentucky.

#### Eastern Region

Edward Anderson, K mart 7155, Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

Donald Wetteman, K mart 7075, Shamokin Dam, Pennsylvania.

#### Midwestern Region

Paula Hagg, K mart 9711, Russellville, Arkansas.

Jeanette Schick, K mart 7214, Winona, Minnesota.

#### Southern Region

Erleyn Bluffel, K mart 3387, Chalmette, Louisiana.

Albert Smith, K mart 4398, Pasadena, Texas.

#### Western Region

Brian Parkinson, K mart 3334, LaVerne, California.

Grace Hoffman, K mart 7151, Vista, California.